CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for mapping Open Grid Services Architecture (OSGA) service data to a native resource representation thereof, the method comprising:

defining a set of standard mapping rules for service data descriptions in a service-oriented architecture;

wherein said set of standard mapping rules are implemented through an OSGA Service Data Mapping Language (OSDML) configured to support complex mapping through extensible language features.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said OSDML is an extensible markup language (XML).
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said OSDML defines an extensible set of at least one of: data source mechanisms and resource access mechanisms.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said OSDML defines parameterization capabilities for supporting dynamic values.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said OSDML defines executable scripts to process data transformation and queries.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said OSDML defines a mechanism for defining private mapping for an internal state of a service.

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- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said OSDML defines a set of rules for defining and mapping service data change notification subscriptions from a corresponding native resource implementation thereof.
- 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

 defining a flexible framework engine for processing rules and mappings
 defined by said OSMDL.
- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said framework engine includes a uniform interface to services implementation.
- 10. The method of claim 8, wherein said framework engine includes a pluggable provider interface, said pluggable provider interface being configured to support language extensions and new service data providers.
- 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said framework engine is configured to support at least one of: parameterization, flexible data source binding and pluggable script execution.
- 12. The method of claim 10, wherein said framework engine further comprises a document repository.
- 13. The method of claim10, wherein said framework engine further comprises a generic interface for supporting OSDML instance data retrieval.

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- 14. The method of claim 10, wherein said pluggable provider interface comprises at least one of: a common information object manager (CIMOM) and a database adapter.
- 15. The method of claim 10, wherein said engine is configured to map service data definitions to relational database schema.
- 16. A system for mapping Open Grid Services Architecture (OSGA) service data to a native resource representation thereof, comprising:

a defined set of standard mapping rules for service data descriptions in a service-oriented architecture;

wherein said set of standard mapping rules are implemented through an OSGA Service Data Mapping Language (OSDML) configured to support complex mapping through extensible language features.

- 17. The system of claim 16, wherein said OSDML is an extensible markup language (XML).
- 18. The system of claim 16, wherein said OSDML defines an extensible set of at least one of: data source mechanisms and resource access mechanisms.
- 19. The system of claim 16, wherein said OSDML defines parameterization capabilities for supporting dynamic values.
- 20. The system of claim 16, wherein said OSDML defines executable scripts to process data transformation and queries.

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- 21. The system of claim 16, wherein said OSDML defines a mechanism for defining private mapping for an internal state of a service.
- 22. The system of claim 16, wherein said OSDML defines a set of rules for defining and mapping service data change notification subscriptions from a corresponding native resource implementation thereof.
- 23. The system of claim 16, further comprising a flexible framework engine for processing rules and mappings defined by said OSMDL.
- 24. The system of claim 23, wherein said framework engine includes a uniform interface to services implementation.
- 25. The system of claim 23, wherein said framework engine includes a pluggable provider interface, said pluggable provider interface being configured to support language extensions and new service data providers.
- 26. The system of claim 25, wherein said framework engine is configured to support at least one of: parameterization, flexible data source binding and pluggable script execution.
- 27. The system of claim 25, wherein said framework engine further comprises a document repository.

- 28. The system of claim 25, wherein said framework engine further comprises a generic interface for supporting OSDML instance data retrieval.
- 29. The system of claim 25, wherein said pluggable provider interface comprises at least one of: a common information object manager (CIMOM) and a database adapter.
- 30. The system of claim 25, wherein said engine is configured to map service data definitions to relational database schema.